

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE;  
MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY;  
JAMES PERRY; AND MATTHEW LAMB**

**PLAINTIFFS**

**VERSUS**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:24-cv-25-LG-RPM**

**JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as  
the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of  
Harrison County; TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY  
PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE  
BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their  
official capacities as members of the Harrison  
County Election Commission; and MICHAEL  
WATSON, in his official capacity as the  
Secretary of State of Mississippi**

**DEFENDANTS**

**RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE (DKT#18).**

COME NOW the Defendants, JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County and TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission and files this their Response in Opposition to Motion for Leave to Intervene (DKT#18) and in opposition thereto would state as follows:

I.

Pursuant to Rule 10(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure these Defendants adopts by reference and joins in the Response to Intervention Motion (DKT#40) as if fully set forth therein and to avoid duplication and likewise request for the same relief requested therein. Based thereon intervention should be denied.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

JUSTIN WETZEL, in his official capacity as the clerk and registrar of the Circuit Court of Harrison County,  
DEFENDANT

TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY PAYNE, BARBARA KIMBALL, CHRISTENE BRICE, and CAROLYN HANDLER, in their official capacities as members of the Harrison County Election Commission, DEFENDANTS

BY AND THROUGH THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD  
BOYCE HOLLEMAN AND ASSOCIATES

By: /s/ Tim C. Holleman  
Tim C. Holleman

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Tim C. Holleman, Boyce Holleman & Associates, do hereby certify that I have this date filed a copy of the above document with the Court's electronic filing system, which sent a notice to all counsel of record.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

By: /s/ Tim C. Holleman  
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